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Subject: Update on Qatar Assistance to US Citizens

Jason, Ned, Peter, and Casey:

I hope you are doing well and staying healthy during these unrepresented times. As you may have seen, a lot of international cooperation is taking place to ensure that individuals are safely returned home during COVID. One example is Qatar working to assist U.S. Citizens. In fact, Secretary Pompeo recognized and expressed his appreciation to Qatar for their help in repatriating U.S. citizens. I have attached the article here:

<https://www.newsmax.com/newsfront/qatar-pompeo-coronavirus/2020/04/25/id/964671/>

Thank you again for the opportunity to flag this issue for you. If you would like additional information or have any questions regarding Qatar, please feel free to reach out to a member of team. Former Congressman Bart Stupak bstupak@venable.com Josh Finestone JMFinstone@venable.com or Josh Raymond at JHRaymond@venable.com would welcome the opportunity to follow up with you further.

Stay Healthy and Safe!

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Pompeo Praises Qatar for Repatriating Americans, 1 Million Passengers



U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo joins Qatar's Deputy Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman al-Thani for the signing of the U.S.-Taliban agreement in Doha. (AFP via Getty Images)

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Secretary of State Mike Pompeo this week praised Qatar, and especially Qatar Airways, for their "tremendous efforts" to repatriate U.S. citizens stranded abroad by the coronavirus.

"On behalf of the United States government and the American people," **Pompeo wrote in the letter** dated April 21, addressed to Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani, "I want to express our appreciation for Qatar Airways' continued assistance in transporting U.S. citizens home from Qatar and other destinations around the world.

"We have heard from numerous U.S. citizens abroad about the tremendous efforts extended by Qatar Airways staff to get them home. Qatar Airways helped repatriate nearly 1 million people worldwide including tens of thousands of Americans. This should be seen as a point of national pride for all Qataris."

Pompeo's letter was released Thursday in a tweet by the U.S. Embassy in Doha.

According to industry publication Aerotime, Qatar actually increased both flights and capacity to help stranded citizens return to their homelands. Qatar, the national carrier of the Gulf state, assisted France, Germany, Britain and other countries repatriate their citizens as most airlines had cancelled international flights.

Qatar Airways services 160 cities globally and was **rated last year as the world's best airline** at the World Airline Awards held annually at the Paris Air Show.

Qatar Airways CEO Akbar Al Baker **told Aerotime** that the airline's goal was to "serve people who want to be with their loved ones in a very trying time." Qatar Airways did not increase prices as flight availability became scarce.

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